

**SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2024  
MINUTES**

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
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The Board of Education Special Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held in the Administration Office at 185 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, motioned by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Nicholson. Trustee Williams was absent

**Board Members Present:**

Trustee Victor Pratt  
Trustee Jeffrey Spencer  
Trustee LaMont E. Johnson  
Trustee Elise Nicholson

**Board Member Absent:**

Trustee Joylette Williams, PhD.

**NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio Present:**

Dr. William Johnson

**Staff Members Present:**

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| Mr. Gary Rush        | Deputy Superintendent of Schools |
| Mrs. April Keys      | District Clerk                   |
| Ms. Lottie Whitehead | District Clerk Pro Tem           |
| Mr. Anthony Fasano   | Special Counsel                  |
| Mr. Austin Graff     | Special Counsel                  |

**A. MEETING OPENING**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence

**Trustee Nicholson moved, seconded by Trustee Spencer, to enter Executive Session, to discuss a particular individual and seek legal counsel @ 1:01 pm**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To enter Executive session @ 1:01 pm.

**Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to Re-Convene to Open Session @ 1:33 pm.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To re-convene to open session @ 1:33 pm.

**RESOLUTION # 1  
Waiver of Policy # 2342**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education waives policy # 2342, requiring the agenda, together with supporting background materials to be distributed to Board members seven (7) days in advance of a Board Meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand carry resolutions presented at the December 9, 2024, meeting of the Board; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the waiver of policy # 2342, is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the December 9, 2024, meeting.

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**Trustee Pratt moved, seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve Waiver of Policy # 2342.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve Waiver of Policy # 2342.

**RESOLUTION # 2  
APPOINTMENT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR  
Driftwind Consulting LLC**

**RESOLVED** the Board of Education approves an agreement with Driftwind Consultants, LLC, as Interim Claims Auditor for the 2024-2025 school year and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

**Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to appoint claims auditor.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To appoint claims auditor.

**Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to adjourn the meeting @ 1:35 pm.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To adjourn the meeting @ 1:35 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Mrs. April Keys, District Clerk